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Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814 Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2004/5-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

9 State, Local and Transit Elements

Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in San Diego County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System (NHS), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), Federal Demonstration Program, Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (CBIP) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5309 Program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 9 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

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The updated programming has been found by SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SANDAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SANDAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)

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